



THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO

## BOARD OF LIBRARY COMMISSIONERS

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### MINUTES

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### SAN DIEGO PUBLIC LIBRARY

Wednesday April 4, 2007

### ATTENDANCE

#### Commissioners:

**Present:** Susan Atkins, Mel Katz, Matthew Hervey, Susan Lew, Judy McCarty, Katie Sullivan

**Absent:** MaryAnne Pintar

**Staff:** Howard Kummerman, Assistant Deputy Chief; Anna Tatár, Library Director; Meryl Balko, Deputy Director; Esther Siman, Acting Deputy Director; Cynthia Meinhardt, Project Officer II; Carol Young, Senior Management Analyst

**Public:** Joy Sunyata

### CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 9:07 a.m. in the Commission Room of the Central Library.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The March 2007 minutes were approved unanimously.

### REQUESTS FOR CONTINUANCE

None.

### NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT

Joy Sunyata stated that she had some concerns with the City citizen satisfaction survey and will be meeting with the City's Customer Services Director to discuss the survey.

### REPORT FROM THE FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

No report.

### SERRA SYSTEM ADVISORY BOARD

No report.

**CHAIR'S UPDATE:** Mel Katz

The Mayor will be meeting with potential donors for the new Main Library.

Commissioners Sullivan and Katz met with Ronnie Froman, Rick Reynolds and Howard Kummerman to discuss the budget process. They were receptive to the Commissioners' request to be more involved in the process.

Commissioner Katz thanked retiring Assistant to the Director Esther Siman for all of her years of service to the Library.

**ASSISTANT DEPUTY CHIEF UPDATE:** Howard Kummerman

Key budget process dates were briefly reviewed.

**DIRECTOR'S UPDATE:** Anna Tatár

- Ms. Tatár also thanked Ms. Siman, and noted the City Council Proclamation that will make April 6, 2007 "Esther Siman Day."
- Ms. Tatár represented former City Librarian Clara Breed at her induction into the San Diego County Women's Museum.
- Poet Laureate Robert Pinsky spoke at the Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Branch Library, and also agreed to do a PSA for the Library.
- North Clairemont Branch Library will celebrate its 45<sup>th</sup> anniversary on April 18.
- Ms. Tatár, other Library and City staff, and community members attended a Customer Service Summit in March. The keynote speaker was Ken Blanchard.
- There was a very successful Carnegie Society event at the Scripps Miramar Branch Library which focused on the Scripps family and what they have done to benefit the San Diego community.
- The One Book One San Diego program was successful, and plans are to expand the program and do the *Dear Miss Breed* book next.
- A grant was obtained from the State Library for \$75,000 to pay for a dramatization of

*Dear Miss Breed* to be held at the Lyceum Theater in the fall, and to hold One Book One San Diego book discussions at eleven libraries related to the *Dear Miss Breed* book. The Chula Vista Public Library will also be hosting book discussions on the *Dear Miss Breed* book. The Friends of the Library will help lead some of the book discussions.

## **AGENDA ITEMS**

### **10.a Library System Update**

Cynthia Meinhart reviewed the written Capital Improvement Project Update report. New Main Library site clean-up is complete and plans have been submitted to the State Library for review.

North University Community Branch Library is nearly complete. Opening dates for the library and the park are currently being considered.

Commissioner Lew asked if there has been any progress on the Skyline Hills project. Commissioner Katz responded that the project has not moved forward pending direction from the District 4 Council Office.

### **10.b Budget Update**

The Commission's budget subcommittee will meet with City staff after the budget is released to the public.

### **10.c Legislative Update**

A first hearing was conducted on March 28 for SB 156, a \$4 billion State bond measure. It will continue going through legislative review for placement on the 2008 ballot.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

None.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Katz adjourned the meeting at 9:50 a.m.



ANNA TATÁR  
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